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SUBJ: FUNDING OF POST LANGUAGE PROGRAM

REF: A. STATE 18618, B. SCHORER-MISHAUD LTR OF JULY 17, 1973

1. POST APPRECIATES DEPT'S ACCEPTANCE OF TELEGRAPHIC BUDGET ESTIMATE PENDING RECEIPT OF MATERIAL TO BE POUCHED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT BASIS OF POST'S BUDGET REQUEST WAS WELL DOCUMENTED IN REF B AND SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAMS REPORTING THAT INITIAL ALLOCATION SERIOUSLY UNDER-FUNDED PROGRAM. ACTUAL FIRST HALF OBLIGATIONS MERELY AUTHENTICATED EARLIER ESTIMATES. PRINCIPAL OFFICER IS OUT-OF-POCKET RUBLES 105 FOR HIS INSTRUCTION WHICH HE CONSIDERS IMPORTANT CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION DESPITE ABSENCE FUNDS.

2. AS DEPT RECOGNIZES, RATIONALE FOR EFFECTIVE PROGRAM IN HARD-LANGUAGE COUNTRY EXISTS AS MUCH FOR SMALLER POSTS IN PHASE OF CONSOLIDATION AS FOR OLDER, ESTABLISHED POSTS. IN FACT, RUSSIAN LANGUAGE CAPABILITY IS ESSENTIAL TO PERFORM ALMOST ANY ACT, OFFICIAL OR SOCIAL, IN Leningrad BECAUSE OF MINISCULE NUMBER OF ENGLISH SPEAKERS HERE AND BECAUSE OF EARLY PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT AT POST. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE INDEED IF, AFTER EXHAUSTIVE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH POST, Leningrad WERE NOT ABLE TO OPERATE AT ITS FULL POTENTIAL BECAUSE AN INADEQUATE LANGUAGE PROGRAM HAMPERED COMMUNICATION WITH SOVIETS.

3. IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR STAFF PERSONNEL, MARINE

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GUARDS, AND WIVES HAS ALSO BEEN LONG RECOGNIZED BY DEPT BOTH IN

REGULATION AND IN PRACTICE. FSI HAS BEEN UNABLE, HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE ANY LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR SECRETARIES, MSGS OR WIVES RECENTLY ASSIGNED. AS INDICATED ABOVE, THIS LIMITS ABILITY OF THESE PEOPLE TO COPE WITH THEIR SURROUNDINGS AND CONTRIBUTE TO POST'S IMAGE IN HOST COUNTRY.

4. AS MINIMUM PROGRAM DESIGNED TO MEET OPERATING NEEDS OF POST, WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING PROGRAM FOR SECOND HALF FY 74:

A. CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION NECESSARY BECAUSE OF VARYING DEGREES OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND CONFLICTING WORK SCHEDULES. CHIEFS OF SECTION ARE, FOR MOST PART, ENTIRE SECTION AS WELL:
PRINCIPAL OFFICER, CULVER GLEYSTEN, TWICE WEEKLY - R 126

ADMIN OFFICER (LDP), PHILIP A. KING, TWICE WEEKLY - R 126

CONSULAR OFFICER - DEALS CONSISTENTLY WITH RUSSIAN SPEAKERS IN WIDELY VARYING CIRCUMSTANCES - RICHARD J. HARRINGTON (REPLACEMENT DUE IN APRIL 1974), THRICE WEEKLY -R 189

BPAO, DONALD F. SHEEHAN, TWICE WEEKLY - R 126

TOTALS - R 756 (\$957)

B. GROUPS

MARINE SECURITY GUARDS, FIVE TIMES WEEK - R 525

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT N. BARKMAN (LDP), THRICE WEEKLY - R 310

THREE GROUPS OF WIVES, SECRETARIES AND COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL, ALL OF WHOM MUST COMMUNICATE ON DAILY BASIS WITH STRICTLY RUSSIAN SPEAKERS:

MRS. KING, WIFE OF ADMIN OFF (LDP)

MRS. LOFTIN, WIFE OF GSO (LDP)

MR. AND MRS. KEN LOFF (C&R)

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MR. AND MRS. LOUIS THOMAS (C&R)

MISS FELICIA TANONA (CG'S SECRETARY)

MISS EILEEN J. QUINN (SECRETARY)

TWICE WEEKLY. GROUPS BASED ON PRESENT LANGUAGE ABILITY AND APTITUDE.

TOTALS - R 1465 (\$1855)

5. CONGEN AGAIN URGES DEPT TO FUND THIS MODEST PROGRAM WHICH WILL PERMIT OFFICERS, SUPPORT PERSONNEL, AND DEPENDENTS TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF USG IN THIS PREDOMINATELY RUSSIAN SPEAKING ENVIRONMENT.
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